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(e) whether it is a fact that the Superintendent of the General Hospital, Madras, has placed orders for steel shelvings and almirahs and surgical cabinets for the new extensions of the General Hospital with firms in England?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have not the information.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The Government have not the information.

(*e*) No.

Registration

Selection of non-graduates as sub-registrars.

* 297 *Q.*—Rao Sahib B. VENKATARAMAYYA: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state under what circumstances are non-graduates selected for the posts of sub-registrars in the Registration department and on what ground, for instance, Mr. C. Ramachandra Prasad was chosen as a sub-registrar?

A.—Under the Madras Registration Subordinate Service Rules, the minimum qualification for admission to that service is the possession of a Secondary School-Leaving Certificate. As Mr. C. Ramachandra Prasad had the requisite qualification, he was appointed to that service.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"What are the special reasons which induced Government to make an exception in this case from the general rule that only graduates should be appointed as sub-registrars?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"There is no rule that only graduates should be appointed as sub-registrars."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"At any rate they have been following such a convention. What are the special reasons to make them depart from this convention?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"Government is not the appointing authority in this case."

Veterinary Department

Admissions to the Madras Veterinary College.

* 298 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of applications received for admission to the Veterinary College, Madras, and the number selected for admission;

(*b*) how many Brahmans, Muslims, Vannikula-Kshatriyas, and depressed classes were selected respectively; and

(*c*) how many Vannikula-Kshatriyas applied?

A.—(*a*) 1,073 and 40 respectively.

(*b*)

Brahmans	8
Muhammadans	6
Vannikula-Kshatriyas	Nil.
Depressed classes	3

(*c*) One.

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—"May I ask why no member of the backward classes was selected?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"The Public Services Commission must be asked about that."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"Why was the only candidate from the Vannikula-Kshatriya community who applied, not selected?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"Probably he was not up to the mark."

Proposal to start an institute in Madras to prepare anti-rinderpest serum.

* 299 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether Government have decided to start their own institute in Madras for making anti-rinderpest serum and, if so, when the institute will begin to work and what amount will be sanctioned for it?

A.—Yes. It is expected that manufacture will commence in April next. The details of the scheme are under the consideration of Government.

Weights and Measures

Standardization of weights and measures.

* 300 *Q.*—Mr. M. D. T. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what measures the Government have adopted for a uniform standardized system of weights and measures in this Presidency;

(*b*) whether Chambers of Commerce, the Departments of Industries and Agriculture and the public have been consulted regarding any specific scheme;

(*c*) whether the railways and large public corporations and organizations have agreed to give speedy trial and advertisement for the standardized units of weights and measures;

(*d*) whether the Government intend providing every village and fair, market or public business place with a set of standardized weights and measures for ease of comparison and verification in charge of a local official; and

(*e*) by what year do the Government intend enforcing the standardized system of weights and measures for the whole of the Presidency?